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Application No.: 09/660,563 Examiner: Chankong, Dohm Filed: September 12, 2000 Group/Art Unit: 2452 Inventor: Atty. Dkt. No: 5181-64900 Gregory L. Slaughter, et al. Title: Mechanism and Apparatus for Accessing and Addressing Services in a Distributed Computing Environment

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted as an amendment submission accompanying the request for continued examination filed herewith, and to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

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Please amend the case as listed below.